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(Case No. 98,714)

In re Application of: )  
David Baunoch, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/212,367 ) Group Art Unit: 1623  
Filed : December 15, 1998 ) Examiner: R. Gitomer  
For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED** )  
**REPROCESSING OF TISSUE SAMPLES** )

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Dear Sir:

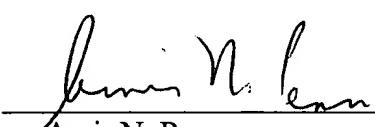
In regard to the above-identified patent application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached Response to Restriction Requirement and Return Receipt Postcard.
2. With respect to additional fees:

A. No additional fees are required.

B. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to the Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 17, 2000, please enter the following amendment in the above-referenced patent application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

✓ Please cancel claims 7-22 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

The Office Action issued a restriction to one of the following inventions: Group I (claims 1-6); Group II (claims 7-9); and Group III (claims 10-22). Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-6) with traverse.